



INDIANA COMMISSION *for*
HIGHER EDUCATION

ENSURING ON-TIME COMPLETION

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PURPOSE

- Provide direction and support so that students graduate on-time
- Minimize the cost of the degree by shortening the time it takes
- Increase the probability of success; decrease the risk that life gets in the way of graduation



WHY IT MATTERS

- An additional year of college can cost \$50,000 or more in lost wages, tuition and related costs
- State financial aid runs out after 4 years
- Student survey reveals that while $\frac{3}{4}$ of students expect to graduate on time, only half are taking enough credits to do so
- On-time completion is the exception, not the rule
 - 36 percent of bachelor's degree students graduate on time
 - 6 percent of associate degree students graduate on time



INDIANA'S RESPONSE

- Indiana started a “15-to-Finish” campaign which has been embraced by all public colleges and universities
- State law ensures that students be given a degree map showing them the courses to take each semester to graduate on time
- State law requires that financial aid recipients meet annual credit completion benchmarks tied to on-time completion



KEY QUESTIONS

- Where do we find college completion data for each college campus?
- What can colleges do to make sure students know how to graduate on time?
- Is “15-to-Finish” realistic for non-traditional students?





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THANK YOU!

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